

Gardens Trust Training Handout: Heritage At Risk

What is Heritage At Risk?

Heritage at Risk (HAR) is a Historic England (HE) programme designed to protect and manage the historic environment, particularly by drawing attention to and constructively focussing on those sites that are deemed to be At Risk.

HAR identifies those sites that are most at risk of being lost as a result of neglect, decay or inappropriate development.

Historic England's local teams have a specific focus on reducing local heritage at risk. They use the outcomes of research and the annual Register to help prioritise where they focus their time and funding.

They work with partners such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Natural England to support owners with funding to understand what repair or conservation works are needed as well as the actual work.

By way of example, £1.38 million in grant was spent on 31 entries on the East of England Register during 2017/18 (not just parks and gardens).

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/types/>

What is the Heritage At Risk Register?

The Heritage At Risk Programme is based primarily on a Heritage at Risk Register, which is a record of sites that have been condition assessed and deemed to be At Risk.

HE updates this each year. Heritage assets are organised both regionally and by type. Sites need to be nationally designated on the National Heritage List for England (<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list>) in order to be included on the Heritage At Risk Register.

The Register now includes:

- Buildings and structures (grade I and II*; grade II are included in London, but elsewhere in England grade II listed buildings can be included in Local Authority Buildings at Risk Registers)
- Places of worship
- Archaeological sites
- Conservation areas
- Registered parks and gardens (all grades)
- Registered battlefields
- Protected wreck sites



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The Heritage at Risk Register tells communities about the condition of their local neighbourhood and encourages people to become actively involved in looking after what is precious to them.

Regularly reviewing and updating the condition of heritage assets allows HE to explore why and what change is happening and to bring about more positive change in future.

You can access the Register at <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/> HE holds further details on the At Risk sites which are not made public.

Historic parks and gardens on the Heritage At Risk Register

102 (6.1%) of England's 1,669 registered parks and gardens are on the 2019 Heritage at Risk Register. Additionally, many park and garden features such as garden buildings will be on the Register separately as Buildings and Structures.

The assessment of parks and gardens starts with an appraisal of the condition and vulnerability of each registered landscape. Steps being taken by owners to address problems are also taken into consideration.

Park and garden entries are removed from the Register once plans are put in place to address issues and positive progress is being made.

Historic England contacts in relation to Heritage At Risk

Staff throughout Historic England's Regional Delivery group lead on work related to assets included in the HAR Register. As such, general queries about HAR and heritage assets that you feel may be at risk should be directed to first the relevant local office (<https://historicengland.org.uk/about/contact-us/local-offices/>) so that they can then be directed to the relevant team member.

For the East of England, this is in Cambridge (Tel: 01223 582749; email: eastofengland@HistoricEngland.org.uk).



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Queries related specifically to registered parks and gardens and their constituent elements will usually be directed to the regional Landscape Architect:

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